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ASMUSSEN BECOMES FIRST TRAINER TO WIN 800 RACES AT CHURCHILL DOWNS

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Saturday, Oct. 2, 2021) – In the midst of a milestone-filled 2021, **Steve Asmussen** became the first trainer in Churchill Downs history to saddle 800 winners beneath the Twin Spires when promising 2-year-old **Dr. Perry** won Saturday's sixth race.

Asmussen, who scored his record-breaking 9,446th career win on Aug. 6, is the all-time leading trainer in races won at Churchill Downs.

The record 24-time training champion at Churchill Downs, won his first race at the Louisville oval on May 16, 1993 with **Snake Eyes**. He won his 100th local race in June 2003; 200th in June 2006; 300th in July 2008; 400th in May 2011; and 500th in May 2014; 600th in May 2017; and 700th in June 2019.

Among Asmussen's 800 Churchill Downs wins are 83 local stakes triumphs, including two victories in the Longines Kentucky Oaks (GI): **Summerly** in 2005 and **Untapable** in 2014. He also won 2008 Stephen Foster (GI) with **Curlin** and the 2016 Clark Handicap presented by Norton Healthcare (GI) and 2017 Stephen Foster (GI) with **Gun Runner**.

His longtime Churchill Downs assistant is **Scott Blasi**.

Overall, Asmussen, 55, has won 9,503 races and his horses have amassed \$368.2 million from 46,252 starts during a 35-year training career that began at New Mexico's Ruidoso Downs in 1986. The two-time Eclipse Award-winning trainer (2008-09) was enshrined in horse racing's Hall of Fame in 2016.

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